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## A/S Tony Babauta shares news on MCT participation in CFC With Ambassador Reed-Rowe during his visit to the US Embassy



A recent decision by the US Office of Personnel Management (OPM) allows the Micronesia Conservation Trust (MCT) eligibility to participate in the FY2012 Combined Federal Campaign (CFC). The CFC is the only authorized solicitation of employees in the federal government workplace and raises millions of dollars annually through national and international campaigns. The Micronesian Conversation Trust is the first Micronesian non-governmental organization to be included in the Combined Federal Campaign charity list.

"OPM's announcement is great news and I commend MCT's leadership for their mission and for their work to be included in the CFC," said Tony Babauta, Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Insular Areas. "For the past two years, my office has worked on an initiative to strengthen nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) in Micronesia and the Caribbean. NGOs are part of an important and growing sector that are providing necessary environmental, health, youth, and social services with very limited resources." The MCT supports biodiversity conservation and related sustainable development for the people of the Federated States of Micronesia, Palau, the Marshall Islands, the US Territory of Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. It is a major partner in the Micronesia Challenge conservation plan.